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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: DPIP
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DISCREDITING OF AMBASSADOR

1. THANK YOU FOR PROMPT REPLY.

2. ON MORNING OF AUGUST 29TH, MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT
HEAD ZANTOVSKY CALLED DCM TO INQUIRE STATUS OF
RECONSIDERATION OF KRAL VISA REFUSAL. DCM TOLD HIM
WE HAD REPORTED HIS STATEMENT OF KRAL'S INNOCENCE OF
ESPIONAGE CHARGES TO DEPARTMENT, ASSUMED CASE WAS
BEING GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN LIGHT OF HIS
STATEMENT, BUT HAD SO FAR RECEIVED NO REPLY. ON
PERSONAL BASIS, DCM SAW NO REASON FOR ANY OPTIMISM
THAT KRAL REFUSAL WOULD BE REVERSED. DCM THEN TOOK
OPPORTUNITY TO ASK MFA ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING
WHO NAVRTIL WAS AND WHY HE WANTED TO SEE ME.
FOLLOWING CONSPICUOUSLY LENGTHY PAUSE AFTER HE HEARD
NAVRTIL'S NAME AND TITLE, ZANTOVSKY SAID HE WOULD
HAVE HIS STAFF CHECK WITH PROTOCOL AND CALL US. AS OF
AFTERNOON AUGUST 31ST WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM HIS
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OFFICE.

3. SINCE OUR EFFORT AT MFA TO PLACE THIS AFFAIR
IN OFFICIAL CHANNELS, MRS MATEJOVSKA HAS SOUGHT TO
MOVE IT BACK INTO AN UNOFFICIAL DIALOGUE WITH ME.
SHE HAS ATTEMPTED TO CALL ME AT BOTH OFFICE AND
RESIDENCE SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST FEW DAYS. I HAVE

BEEN "UNAVAILABLE" AND HAVE NOT RETURNED HER CALLS.
TODAY, I INSTRUCTED MY SECRETARY, HOWEVER, TO SUGGEST
MATEJOVSKA LEAVE A MESSAGE IF SHE CALLS AGAIN.

4. IT IS CLEAR MATEJOVSKA DOES NOT WANT TO TALK
ABOUT THIS WITH ANYONE BUT ME. POLITICAL COUNSELOR
HAD LENGTHY CHAT WITH HER AT AUGUST 29TH RECEPTION
AND SHE DID NOT ALLUDE TO ANY DEALINGS WITH ME. SHE
ALSO CALLED DCM AUGUST 30TH ON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
QUESTION AND AGAIN MADE NO REFERENCE TO THIS MATTER,
ALTHOUGH I HAD LET HER KNOW DCM WAS AWARE OF HER
APPROACH.

5. NAVRTIL MATTER MAY HAVE BENEFIT OF OFFERING SOME
INTELLECTUAL STIMULATION, BUT I AM DEEPLY ANNOYED AND
CONCERNED AT CRUDE HARASSMENT PRESENTLY BEING AIMED
AT MY WIFE AND DAUGHTER. AUGUST 30TH THEY TOOK A
WALK IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE AND WERE SUBJECTED
TO "ROUGH" SURVEILLANCE BY UNIFORMED AND PLAINSCLOTHES
GOONS -- INCLUDING HAVING GOON-FILLED CAR PULL SHARPLY
ONTO SIDEWALK CHASE THEM OFF THE SIDEWALK AND HAVING
SURVEILLANCE COMMUNICATIONS VAN SWING VERY CLOSE TO
THEM, FOLLOW THEM AS THEY WALKED DOWN THE STREET AND
CUT THEM OFF AS IT TURNED INTO A DRIVEWAY. I SHALL
CHOOSE AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO REGISTER WITH GOC
OFFICIALS MY THOUGHTS ON THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY.

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